GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Foreign Secretary who visited India in May 2002 held talks with the Indian leadership regarding the continued violation of promises made by the President of Pakistan to check the cross border terrorism; and

(b) if so, the impact of his visit on the cessation of terrorist activities along the borders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) UK Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Jack Straw, during his visit to India on 29th May, 2002, met with former External Affairs Minister, Home Minister and Prime Minister and was sensitised regarding India`s concerns on continuing cross-border infiltration.

(b) Following the commitment of General Musharraf to American and British leadership to end cross-border infiltration on a permanent basis, there has been some reduction in infiltration. It has, however, continued and on a significant scale. There have been no effective steps by Pakistan to dismantle the launching stations, communication centres, training camps and other infrastructures of support to terrorism.